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OF THE

RECEIPTS AND EXPENDITURES

OF THE

TOWN OF ROCHESTER,

FOR THE

FISCAL YEAR ENDING MARCH 1st, 1874.

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EXPENDITURES.

SCHOOL DEPARTMENT.

<i>No. of District.</i>	<i>Committee.</i>	<i>Amount.</i>
1	Henry H. Roberts	41
2	James T. Hanson	135 51
3	S. W. Goodwin	185 97
4	John F. McDuffee	150 01
5	George D. Watson	130 44
6	Charles H. Seavey	142 60
7	George D. Hussey	455 44
8	Stephen D. Wentworth	2054 22
9	Cyrus K. Curtis	169 31
10	Mark L. Demeritt	176 54
11	Azariah Pearl	168 04
12	Charles W. Evans	207 12
13	John S. Calef	134 48
14	Daniel M. Henderson	129 91
15	Jonas M. Plumer	166 76
16	Simon Wentworth	103 49
17	Luther B. Sampson	123 50
18	David H. Stacy	133 97
19	Charles Blazo	466 10
20	Luke Tebbetts	97 01
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		\$5,324 42
(1872) 11	Daniel Swain	131 72

HIGHWAY DEPARTMENT.

No. of District.	Surveyor.	Am't Paid.
1	Amasa Allen	203 47
2	Elijah W. Tebbetts	93 62
3	Larkin Harrington	655 25
5	William H. Vickery	155 40
6	John F. Torr	149 12
7	Richard McDuffee	299 84
8	Stephen D. Wentworth	1308 97
9	Enoch Chamberlin	15 75
10	Gershom H. Horne	133 50
11	J. C. Chesley	110 97
12	Fernando Gale	303 85
13	John H. Downing	143 33
14	Daniel McDuffee	1106 43
15	B. M. Stevens	139 10
16	Benj. F. Hayes	323 26
17	George W. Bickford	86 38
18	Isaac D. Hodgdon	150 20
19	Enoch Willard	109 75
20	Daniel P. Calef	89 10
21	Eli Meader	158 87
22	James T. Higgins	130 03
23	Lewis Garland	31 70
24	Samuel F. Seavey	112 75
25	Joseph N. Hayes	114 31
26	William Flagg	70 50
27	John W. Hurd	164 30
28	Edward E. Evans	221 60
29	William M. Hart	82 47
30	John F. Young	66 62
31	John Crockett	126 62
32	Chesley Blaisdell	47 50
33	Simon Wentworth	55 30
34	George A. Bickford	98 55
35	Philander Varney	112 25

\$7,190 66

Of the road bills, it should be remembered that the largest amount of road breaking bills for 1872, come into this account. There was paid out previous to June 1st, \$2000.

MISCELLANEOUS ROAD BILLS.

Paid M. H. Wentworth for plank	34	54
Samuel F. Page	55	64
James Corson	101	89
John F. Young, stringers for Dame bridge	6	48
Simon Wentworth for stone	3	84
“ “ stringers for Copp bridge	32	00
For work on horse hill	338	37
	572	76

FIRE DEPARTMENT.

Paid O. T. Hill for repairs,	1872	10	19
E. A. Willard, for work Pioneer hose	“	8	30
Charles W. Edgerly as referee	“	8	75
Frank Manson, mason work	“	6	50
Asa Jackson, clearing off reservoirs	“	5	50
L. B. Moulton & Son, work		26	48
James Boyd & Sons, repairing hose		18	82
A. M. Campo, covering pipes		1	00
Chas. H. Robinson, sawing wood H. & L. Co.		50	
Eugene Smart & Co. for keys		12	65
C. K. Sanborn, services —	1872	30	40
W. P. Ela, stoves and pipe	“	86	78
Gt. Falls Man'g Co., hydrant pipes	“	20	50
J. F. Sanders, chandeliers H. & L.	“	21	00
Canney & Co.'s Express, for hose		3	75
Geo. H. Ricker, setting glass, &c.		9	40
Geo. E. Dame, work on Torrent 5		11	50
Kendall & Whitney, cement pipe for reservoirs		7	00
P. & R. Railroad, freight		1	04

Paid Belt & Leather Stuffing Co., hose dressing	17	50
Veranus Horne, building 3 reservoirs and putting stone covers on	5	200 00
Geo. W. Springfield for wood		5 50
F. C. & L. D. Huntress, bal. on contract		235 00
S. F. Shorey, express on hose		2 25
A. U. Nason, lime and cement for reservoirs		3 40
G. H. Hayes, wood for Cocheco Co.		2 50
Michael Carroll, labor on Torrent Engine		2 30
Cocheco Engine Co. No. 1		250 00
Torrent " " 2		250 00
Tiger " " 3		250 00
Torrent " " 5		250 00
Pioneer Hose Company		100 00
Resolute Hook & Ladder Co.		100 00
E. A. Willand, work on hose hall		5 60
Chas. Jenness, work on hydrant in factory yd.		3 00
David Legro do. do.		24 50
W. P. Ela, goods		3 20
W. A. Kimball, castings for reservoirs		28 24
Wm. Price, sawing wood Torrent Co.		70
J. H. Edgerly, repairing ax-handle		50
F. C. & L.D.Huntress, work on H. & L. halls		2 92
N. V. Whitehouse, brick for reservoirs		95 20
N. Burnham & Son, oil		3 10
S. F. Shaw for alcohol		1 88
Wm. H. Kenney, sawing wood for Torrent Co.		1 60

		\$2,128 95

NOTES AND INTEREST.

Paid N. P. Savings Bank, 6 notes	16,555	00
" " interest	2243	10
Portsmouth Savings bank on note	2242	67
John B. Francis interest	2	50
Zenas H. Nute	3	00
C. S. Beacham	3	50

Paid Judith Berry	interest	13 00
J. F. & J. W. Berry	"	10 00
Joanna Hayes	"	51 10
A. W. Hayes	note and interest	536 50
John Hanscom	interest	20 00
B. W. Sargent	"	2 50
Joseph D. Hurd	note and interest	1160 17
Ellen E. Haynes	"	509 28
Lewis B. Ethridge	"	419 07
B. F. & J. O. Hayes	interest	36 50
George Barker	note and interest	2163 67
Nancy Page	"	24 00
Israel Foss	note and interest	319 63
John Canney	"	445 99
James Graham	note and interest	183 92
John Hanscom, on	"	1000 00
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		\$27,945 10

TOWN FARM DEPARTMENT.

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By pasturing cow for McIntire		10 00
Hay sold		41 50
Produce sold		23 65
Lumber sold Hart		14 19
Received for labor		99 75
1 calf sold		7 75
Veal "		4 40
Calf-skin "	R. McDuffee	1 60
Potatoes "	D. J. Rogers	90
Plank "	Highway dist. 14	6 62
Labor in		32 62
1 calf sold		6 00
Poultry "		15 50
1 hog "		37 14
1 cow-hide "		4 13
Beef "		14 63
Boards "	W. Lane	11 13

By Oxen sold	215 00
Hay " J. B. Howe	17 70
Produce " C. S. Beacham	73 55
Wood furnished at pest-house	2 00
Milk and potatoes " "	3 00
J. F. Sanders, produce	16 53
	659 29

TOWN FARM DEPARTMENT.

DR.

Paid W. P. Ela for goods	90
B. Parker for corn and meal	.35 25
For work	51 25
Oxen bought	215 00
Geo. L. Stackpole for manure	18 00
R. McDuffee for meat	3 24
Wm. Ricker for repairing harness	1 00
For fish and meat	6 61
Goods for farm	19 00
George Bradford for pigs	11 00
J. Estes for land-side to plow	1 89
For apples	2 50
Brown & Standley for goods	15 55
A. W. Hayes for nails and glass	5 36
N. Burnham & Son for goods	6 95
I W. Springfield for use of bull	3 00
S. F. Page for pasturing oxen	2 00
For manure	5 00
A. W. Hayes' bill	16 08
I. Salinger's bill	3 91
John B. Howe, blacksmith work	38 08
C. S. Beacham for goods	138 97
J. F. Sanders "	53 77
N. P. store	4 98
	\$659 29

MISCELLANEOUS PAUPER BILLS.

Paid Eunice Page, board and fare to Newmarket	2 50
John Silver, care and board of John Baker	9 75
Wm. H. Kenney, sawing wood for P. Hurd	12 15
W. P. Ela, repairs on stove	50
B. W. Sargent, as Dr. in 1871, per approval of Dr. Dorman	18 00
John F. Torr, 1 1-2 cord wood for P. Hurd	10 50
Lewis F. Downs	8 00
Job Varney	7 87
J. A. Dame & Co.	12 00
George Bradford, wood for Alice Murphy	2 50
Wm. J. Jewett	7 00
Thomas Lane, sawing wood	1 25
Ann Collins, nursing	16 50
N. Burnham & Son, goods del.	34 56
C. K. Chase & Son,	2 00
Brown & Standley	9 98
Evans & Jones, shoes	1 40
J. A. Dame & Co., ice and moving body of Lawrence Murphy	3 00
Daniel Huckins, wood for family of J. Maltais	3 50
N. Burnham & Son, goods for	23 28
C. H. Waterhouse, provision	4 00
C. S. Beacham, goods for Jas. Riley's family	1 70
C. H. Waterhouse	3 55
J. A. Dame & Co., wood	6 00
Ephraim Hammett, house rent	5 50
R. N. Foss, board of Patience Smith	26 00
Evans & Jones, shoes for Susan Avery's boy	6 75
C. K. Chase & Son, goods del. Susan Avery	16 64
Meader & Son, suit clothes S. Avery's boy	7 50
J. H. Edgerly, coffins for Wright Wiggles- worth	6 00
A. S. Parshley, moving Mrs. P. Nealand to county farm	3 00
	\$272 88

SELECTMEN'S BILLS.

06 15	Paid Selectmen for taking inventory	100 00
61 23	Making taxes	75 00
06	Recording and distributing road lists	15 00
	“ “ school “	12 00
00 81	Making Collector's	10 00
06 01	Executing 2 bonds	2 00
00 8	Recording counterpart	15 00
78 7	Assessing tax in school district No. 2	4 00
00 24	“ “ “ 4	4 00
02 2	“ “ “ 5	12 00
00 7	“ “ “ 8	30 00
22 1	“ “ “ 9	12 00
05 01	“ 2 taxes	11
05 13	“ tax	14 4 00
00 8	“ “ “ 17	10 00
80 11	Enrolling militia	15 00
04 1	Attending court and settling with Comm'r's	12 00
	Settling with Prud. School Com.	12 00
00 8	“ Collector	15 00
06 13	Revising jury box and drawing jurors	12 00
22 26	Examining roads and bridges 8 days	20 00
00 4	“ and laying out roads on petition of	
97 1	T. C. Davis & others, O. T. Meader & others	
55 8	W. A. Kimball “ E. Furber	
00 8	J. L. Swain “ S. D. Wentworth “	40 00
06 5	Appointment of town officers	18 00
00 32	Keeping dog account	3 00
67 8	Overseers of the Poor	50 00
10 01	Making and revising check list	36 00
06 4	“ notices on 7 road petitions	8 00
	Return on 4	8 00
00 8	Settling with Auditors	36 00
of Warrant		6 00
00 8		
		\$608 00

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MISCELLANEOUS BILLS.

Paid C. K. Sanborn's bill for 1872	124 50
David Hayes, collector "	400 00
John Brock, trucking "	17 15
J. F. Twombly, bal. due as overseer of town farm, 1872	125 00
John F. Torr, appraiser of town farm '72	2 00
E. J. Mathes & J. Legro, auditing acc'ts '72	10 00
George S. Lindsey as Town Clerk '72	98 63
Amasa F. Jones, damage to wagon "	10 00
E. C. Dow, ladder lost at Springfield fire	4 40
" doctoring in small pox case '72	20 00
Gershom Horne, abatement on tax "	75
John O. Howard, witness fees paid "	19 60
Amasa Dame, damage to horse and sled "	3 00
M. H. Wentworth, support of watering trough	2 00
S. D. Wentworth, sheriff fees and wood	19 30
J. H. Worcester & D. J. Smith, as superin- tending school com. for '72	150 00
A. E. Horne, fees as witness in liquor case	2 45
E. L. Tebbetts "	4 47
Stephen Wentworth "	77
Joseph Riley "	2 87
Joseph Brock "	2 87
Isaac Park "	2 87
Samuel H. McIntire "	7 35
Andrew W. Brooks "	3 46
Burley Hall "	75
James M. Jenness "	1 54
Jonathan Pearl "	2 44
J. H. Nutter "	2 45
John O. Howard "	5 95
S. D. Wentworth as sheriff and witness	12 08
George G. Berry for printing	10 00
Henry Kimball's bill	12 09
I. W. Lougee, damage to sleigh in dist.	12 50
E. J. Lane, inventory and surveyor's books	9 25
J. L. Davidson, watching in small pox case	12 50

Paid J. O. Howard, hanging door to powder house	4 00
" police bill '72-3	23 00
Jona. Wentworth, horse hire for police	11 50
N. Burnham & Son, goods del. in Butler small pox case	22 20
J. A. Dame, moving to and from pest-house	6 00
W. R. Pettee, taking away a dead dog	50
Parker W. Horne, damage to sleigh & harness	3 90
Hanson Evans, watering trough '72-3	6 00
John Bickford	3 00
Richard McDuffee, town farm appraiser	2 00
" goods in small pox case	4 39
C.W.Bradley, police officer and witness fees	100 00
E. A. Willard	86 45
S. Y. Cilley	60 00
J. E. Meader	60 00
A. U. Nason, police officer	46 00
J. L. Davidson	100 00
L. McCrillis	27 50
Jona. Pearl, sawing wood at lobby	60
A. S. Parshley, 4 trips to Dover and expense making inventory book.	6 00
going to Concord to pay State tax	10 00
paid for food in Butler small pox case	1 50
time and expense looking after	15 00
journey to Gt. Falls on town business	1 40
journey to Portland for lime & cement	3 50
to Barrington on town business	2 75
to So. Berwick to pay note	2 00
to Milton on town business	2 25
2 journeys to Farmington	4 00
1 " " to Portsmouth	4 00
taking depositions in pauper cases	12 00
services as town treasurer	70 00
time and expense in case of L. Murphy	2 00
" in liquor prosecutions	
including 10 days attending court	33 00
E. C. Dow, visit in small pox case	5 00
C. K. Sanborn, bill in part, 1873	40 84

Paid J. F. Twombly, produce for pest-house	5 00
Stephen Shorey, watering trough	2 00
John S. Hayes, police bills for 1872	6 75
C. W. Folsom, printing	118 00
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	\$14,213 89

DOG DEPARTMENT.

Total amount assessed on dogs for 1873	338 00
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DEPREDATIONS.

Paid Wm. Flagg, 1 sheep killed	4 00
Aaron Flagg " "	5 50
David Corson, 11 turkeys	15 00
S. F. Varney, 11 "	13 75
Wm. H. Felker, 5 "	5 00
Ephraim Kimball, 1 sheep	6 00
Willard Corson "	5 00
Daniel Swain 3 "	19 50
Smith Clark 1 "	3 00
George S. Hussey, 4 turkeys	8 00
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	\$84 75

TOWN OF ROCHESTER, CR.

By balance from former Selectmen, viz:

S. S. Hart's note	300 00
J. S. Calef "	57 18
Joshua Vickery "	15 58
In bills paid	1483 64
Cash	434 38
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	\$2,290 78

Rec'd of A. W. Hayes	500 00
John M. Whitehouse	350 00
Joanna Hayes	700 00
N. P. Savings Bank	7500 00
James Graham	368 92
John Hanscom	2000 00
John B. Francis	250 00
Zenas H. Nute	300 00
Clara A. Jones	1200 00
C. S. Beacham	350 00
Judith Berry	1300 00
J. F. & J. W. Berry	1000 00
Hannah M. Sanborn	600 00
George W. Huckins	1250 00
Belinda A. Beacham	450 00
Thomas H. Ricker	1350 00
Grace Riggs	54 00
Town of Lebanon on E. Rochester bridge	67 46
Highway dist. 8 for lime and cement	5 60
" for brick	176 00
For circus license	15 00
H. M. Kelley for cement pipe	3 50
N. P. Savings Bank, interest not due	54 75
John Hanscom	" 10 00
Daniel Huckins	1000 00
Israel Foss	620 00
Charles Willand	500 00
from State railroad tax	1314 17
" Savings bank tax	4403 03
" Literary fund	416 97
County on pauper account	327 38
State treasurer, rejected bounty claims	400 00
Liquor fine in Walter S. Howard case	50 00
" Enoch W. Gray	50 00
" Samuel Howe	50 00
" J. W. Varney	50 00
" Joseph Wingate	50 00
from S. J. Court, half of 2 fines, second offence, case of Samuel Howe	100 00

Rec'd from county, half of full fines prosecuted
before S.J. Court at expense of town, viz :

C. W. Bickford, 1 fine	25 00
James Hoye, 2 fines	50 00
George F. Tebbetts, 1 fine	25 00
S. F. Shorey, 4 fines	100 00
David Hayes, on collector's list '72	5 44
A. D. Stillings for use of town hall	5 00
Taxes in S. J. Wentworth's list '71	254 53
S. J. Wentworth, interest on taxes	10 17
Rec'd in G. L. Stackpole's list '73	37,397 76
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	\$69,369 35

RECAPITULATION.

Selectmen in account with Town of Rochester,	Dr.
Paid Highway Department	7190 66
Miscellaneous Road Bills	572 76
Notes and Interest	28,036 35
School Department, 1872	131 72
" 1873	5324 42
Fire Department	2128 95
Miscellaneous Pauper Bills	272 88
" Bills	14,213 89
Selectmen's " "	608 00
Dog account	84 75
Abatements in S. J. Wentworth's list '71	46 70
" G. L. Stackpole's list '73	687 02
Due in G. L. Stackpole's list '73	5601 10

Amount in Treasury to balance as follows :

S. S. Hart's note	300 00
J. S. Calef's "	57 18
Joshua Vickery's "	15 58
Cash	4097 39
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	4470 15
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	\$69,369 35

March 1, 1874.

We hereby certify that we have carefully examined the foregoing accounts of Selectmen with the town of Rochester, for the year ending at this date, and have found the same well vouched and correctly cast, and find due the said town of Rochester from the Selectmen, the sum of four thousand four hundred seventy dollars and fifteen cents (\$4470 15.)

E. J. MATHES,
S. D. WENTWORTH, } Auditors.

NOTES DUE FROM TOWN OF ROCHESTER,
as follows:

N. P. Savings Bank	21,200 00
Adaline Ham	200 00
Portsmouth Savings Bank	2000 00
Ann Tebbetts	282 00
Margaret Canney	110 00
George Lyman	700 00
Timothy Donovan	472 00
Nancy Hall	100 00
E. Chamberlin	340 00
Benjamin Canney	212 00
Wm. Jackson	224 00
Eliza Holmes	232 00
D. J. Holmes	1000 00
John Estes	75 00
Moses Chamberlin	1125 00
Nancy Page	400 00
Susan Lord	1400 00
John F. Twombly	200 00
Charles Greenfield	700 00
B. & J. O. Hayes	500 00
J. Canney	6000 00
Elizabeth McIntire	100 00
John Wingate	300 00
A. W. Hayes	500 00
John M. Whitehouse	350 00
Joanna Hayes	700 00
John Hanscom	1000 00
John B. Francis	250 00
Zenas H. Nute	300 00
Clara A. Jones	1200 00
C. S. Beacham	350 00
Judith Berry	1300 00
J. F. & J. W. Berry	1000 00
Hannah M. Sanborn	600 00
George W. Huckins	1250 00
Belinda A. Beacham	450 00

Thomas H. Ricker	1350 00
Daniel Huckins	1000 00
Charles Willard	500 00
Israel Foss	620 00
Grace Riggs	54 00
James Graham	233 92
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	\$51,179 92
Interest due to date	500 00
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	\$51,679 92

By referring to the statement of last year, it will be found that the amount of notes against the town of Rochester was \$53,667 85

To this there should be added the note of Ellen E. Haynes, which was given or renewed in 1870, and not reported in outstanding notes 509 28

Indebtedness, 1872	\$54,177 13
We have paid of said notes	2,497 21
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Total outstanding notes and interest	\$51,679 92
Amt. of balance in Treasury above last year	2179 37
Due on Collector's list	5601 10
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Difference in standing	7780 47
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	\$43,899 45

Since filing the above, the Selectmen of 1870 report that the notes of Margaret and Benjamin Canney was paid by giving the Ellen E. Haynes note.

The following is a report of the Special Taxes assessed
in the several School Districts for 1873 :

	Amt. ass'd in dist.	Amt. collected.	Abate's.	Amt. due in Coll'r's list.	Amt. paid over to dis.
Dist. 2,	104 61	98 35		6 26	100 00
4,	206 88	190 88	16 00		190 00
5,	790 56	754 32	36 24		751 00
8,	1541 25	1345 67	18 94	176 64	1500 00
9,	517 33	474 57	4 88	37 88	
11,	339 50	304 60	7 57	27 33	326 22
14,	26 05	14 55		11 50	20 00
15,	202 02	183 28	2 34	16 40	198 95
17,	180 96	159 81	13 75	7 40	159 81
	3909 16	3526 03	99 72	283 41	3245 98

The State and County taxes to be raised in this town
for the year 1874, are as follows:

State tax	4460 00
County tax	4121 57

Respectfully submitted.

A. S. PARSHLEY,

Chairman Selectmen.

SCHOOL COMMITTEE'S REPORT.

To the Citizens of Rochester:

The Superintending School Committee submit their annual report for the year ending March, 1874.

The schools throughout the town have enjoyed well nigh universal prosperity and success, with scarcely a ripple of insubordination to mar the general peace and harmony.

For the most part, teachers of character, culture, ability and aptness have been placed over the schools, and marked and decisive progress has resulted. Their influence has tended to develop the moral as well as the intellectual character of their pupils.

Too great care cannot be exercised by Prudential Committees, in the selection of teachers. Let the moral and intellectual training of the youth be intrusted only to persons of culture and character; to those who have a heart in their work and realize the responsibility resting upon them; those who are not satisfied with present attainments and content to plod along the old-time ruts; but who, on the other hand, are constantly perusing educational works, and ever on the alert to learn new and better methods of school management and instruction; those who, with Galileo, have discovered that "the world moves," and are bound to keep pace with that movement.

All bias and favor should be laid aside, and a careful discrimination used, and those only employed whom nature and culture have adapted to this honorable and responsible calling. When such are secured, and they are laboring arduously for the mental and moral improvement of the youth, let them receive the earnest and cordial co-operation of all citizens, and let it not be said, "theirs is a thankless task."

Irregularity of attendance—from truancy and other causes—is an evil severely felt, especially in our village schools. It tends to demoralize a school, to break up and multiply classes, and to cause a general spirit of indifference. It effectually prevents all thoroughness on the part of those addicted to it, and renders their schooling well nigh worthless.

We are glad to report that at East Rochester and the Gonic, during the last term, a marked improvement has been effected; owing, no doubt to the efficiency of the teachers. Parents and guardians should do all in their power to correct this bane of our school system. They should heartily co-operate with the teachers—exert a positive influence in this direction at home: also, if possible, frequently visit the school-room, and in a direct and social manner manifest their interest to remedy this evil as well as to promote the efficiency of the school: for it is a general rule that the interest and approval, or lack of interest and disapproval of the parents will produce a corresponding effect on the children.

One of the many advantages to be derived from a thorough system of grading, is its tendency to prevent the evil of inconstancy of attendance. The desire of the scholar to maintain his standing and avoid the mortification of an assignment to a lower class and less honorable position in the school, forms a strong incentive, urging him to punctuality no less than diligence and thoroughness.

The Committee believe a high school accessible alike to all the pupils in town, upon the attainment of proper qualifications, is much needed. Aside from the direct benefits to the school itself, a new motive to exertion would be presented to the scholars of the lower grades of schools, and their ambition quickened by the desire to attain to such qualifications as would enable them to enter the high school. Teachers of the lower grades would also be prompted to be more systematic and exhaustive in their instruction.

The economy of educating our children at home, and the fact that their morals can be more carefully looked to than when at distant schools, should be mentioned in favor of such a school.

No new school-houses have been erected during the year, and little has been done for the improvement of old ones. The school-house, however, in district No. 14 has been quite thoroughly repaired within and without; and its appearance, convenience and comfort much increased.

The house in district No. 9 is entirely unfit for use; and we are pleased to learn that steps are being taken to replace it with a new one.

A word in relation to the school-room in district No. 7. Seventy or more scholars of all grades of advancement, from the alphabet to the higher English studies are all gathered into one room. No one teacher can successfully manage them under such circumstances; and the conveniences for an assistant are poor indeed.

In a republican form of government, the people will be represented by their kind. The stream cannot rise higher than the fountain. If ignorance prevails, its attendants—vice and depravity—will find their way into the counsels of the nation and endanger our free institutions. As, then, we value these, let a liberal and cheerful support be given to our common schools.

Furthermore, it is acknowledged that in the direct ratio that popular knowledge increases, virtue, competence and happiness prevails; and as it decreases, poverty, vice and crime abound. If this be so, economy demands that our schools be carefully cherished and fostered, for it is allowed to be more expensive to punish the crimes of the people than to educate them.

Herewith is presented tabular statements pertaining to the several schools and school districts.

HENRY KIMBALL, } Superintending
D. J. SMITH, } School
CHARLES BLAZO, } Committee.

Number of District.	TERMS.	Length of Term.	NAMES OF TEACHERS.		Number of Scholars.	Average Attendance
			Weeks			
1	Summer..	12	Lucy H. Roberts.....	19	13.65	
2	" ..	6	Emma J. Wingate.....	9	7.90	
3	" ..	12	Mattie N. Hanson.....	31	24.00	
4	" ..	8	A. Augustus Trickey....	10	8.00	
5	" ..	7	Annie M. Seavey.....	8	6.00	
6	" ..	8	Fannie E. Jasper.....	14	9.77	
7	{ Fall ...	9	Lydia Decatur.....	60	48.00	
			do.	52	37.00	
9	Summer..	10	Clara A. Allen.....	29	23.00	
10	{ Fall ...	8	M. Emma Parsons.....	17	14.00	
		7	do.	21	17.17	
11	Summer..	8	Ellen E. Calef.....	16	12.00	
12	" ..	11	Lydia L. Varney.....	31	24.17	
13	" ..	10	Emma J. Calef.....	13	10.00	
14	" ..	6	Ellen E. Calef.....	12	11.00	
15	{ " ..	10	Clara J. Wentworth....	14	13.00	
	{ Fall ...	8	do.	14	12.00	
*16	Summer..	8	Abbie F. Wentworth....	15	13.00	
17	{ " ..	6	Hattie A. Harker.....	17	15.00	
	{ Fall ...	8	Nellie J. Decatur.....	21	16.58	
18	Summer..	9	Lizzie J. Thomes.....	8	7.00	
†19	{ " ..	10	Hattie Gilman.....	63	38.98	
	{ Fall ...	9	do.	65	45.38	
‡19	Summer..	12	Anna Blazo	36	21.00	
20	" ..	6	Althea M. Lane.....	11	8.00	

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†Primary Department.

‡Grammar Department.

Number of District.	TERMS.	Length of Term. Weeks	NAMES OF TEACHERS.		Number of Scholars.	Average Attendance.
1	Winter . . .	11	Ezra Pray		24	21.14
2	" "	12	Annie M. Seavey		11	10.00
3	" "	12	Clara J. Wentworth		31	20.00
4	" "	10	Charles E. Sargent		13	11.74
5	" "	13	M. Kate Tuttle		13	11.00
6	" "	9	Mr. B. H. Young		13	10.40
7	" "	10	Otis T. Maxfield		67	60.40
9	" "	10	Samuel Shapleigh		25	23.00
10	" "	6	M. Emma Parsons		20	16.45
11	" "	10	James M. Hayes		18	14.00
12	" "	8 3-5	True H. Maxfield		28	25.50
13	" "	10	L. Lillian Montgomery		16	10.40
14	" "	9	Chas. W. Hurd		13	12.00
15	" "	9	Clara E. Legro		11	10.00
*16	" "	10	{ Augusta Jenness { Miss S. W. Stanton		15	13.00
17	" "	6	Nellie J. Decatur		7	5.43
18	" "	10	Lizzie J. Thomes		9	7.50
†19	" "	9	Hattie Gilman		51	36.33
‡19	" "	12	Daniel O. Blazo		38	32.00
20	" "	12 1-5	Althea M. Lane		14	8.00

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THE SCHOOL COMMITTEE FOR DISTRICT No. 8

Present their annual report of the condition and success of the Schools therein, for the year ending March, 1874.

At the last annual meeting of the district, the committee were instructed to thoroughly grade all its schools. They have tried to fulfill those instructions faithfully. Every school has been as thoroughly graded as could be done in one year. But though not yet perfect as the committee desire and hope to see them in the future, fruit enough has been reaped already, to convince all concerned, that it has wrought a great and desirable reform.

The teaching has become systematic, and the instructions exhaustive; and thus each grade lays a firm foundation for the next. Nothing is done superficially, but every step in advance is thoroughly mastered. Consequently the scholar, thoroughly conversant with all he has gone over, makes more easy and rapid progress in the future.

The evils of truancy and irregularity of attendance, have been much abated. Scholars soon learn that such system and regulations demand constant attendance, if they would keep pace with their classes and avoid the humility of being assigned to one of lower grade. Class feeling and sympathy become very strong also, and have a decided tendency to correct the evils of an irregular attendance. The examination of these schools at the close of the year, demonstrate the utility of a graded system.

Thoroughness, and complete mastery of studies pursued by the several classes, was nearly universal. Teachers and scholars alike seemed prepared to give a commendable account of their year's work. A general enthusiasm pervades all departments of the schools, extending to parents and citizens, who came to the examinations in unusual numbers, reaching in the aggregate, one hundred and thirty. This success is due

largely to the zeal and fidelity of our teachers. The district has been blessed with a corps of teachers, that for nobility of character, culture, ability and aptness to teach, are seldom equaled. They have ever been watchful to acquire fresh knowledge in the methods of instruction and management of schools, and used it wisely to benefit them. They have been thoroughly alive to the importance of their work, and have keen sense of their responsibility.

Nor would we withhold from the Prudential Committee that meed of commendation justly due his earnest efforts, in securing so able and efficient a corps of instructors. He has ever given his cordial co-operation and done what lay in his power to advance the interests of our schools.

The Superintendent of a neighboring city says, that "more room is a sure sign of present and increasing prosperity." If so, we are blessed with a large measure of success; for we are sadly in need of a new school-house. Already we have one more school than rooms: and very soon shall have two or three, unless the district come to our rescue, and provide better and ampler school accommodations. The want of such has already retarded the progress of the schools.

The school-house on Wakefield street is not fitted to the present wants. It is badly out of repair, cold and unhealthy. The room used for the Grammar school is entirely inadequate to its wants, and illy suited to any grade of scholars. The seats occupy so much of the room as to leave little space for class exercises. The extent of blackboard is small and insufficient, with no chance for enlargement. And this, for a class of pupils who, more than any other, needs ample blackboard accommodations. In short, the house is entirely unfit for the purposes of education.

The same is true of the house on Elm street. It is unhealthy in location, being beside a marshy bog, from which the stench arising in summer, from decayed animal and vegetable matter, is very offensive, and must

be exceedingly deleterious to the health of the pupils. Its internal appearance is also very uninviting. The committee are of opinion that this house, and that on Wakefield street should give place, at the earliest possible moment, to a better and larger school building, well and pleasantly located. The rooms should be large, convenient, well lighted and ventilated, inclosing capacious and attractive grounds. There is an educating and moral power, for good or evil, in the character of the buildings and their surroundings. Fine buildings, pleasant school-rooms, neatly arranged and properly furnished, and comfortable, facilitate education, aid instruction and discipline, allure the pupils to habits of order and neatness, appeal to, and develope in them a sense of fitness and beauty, refine their feelings and help to restrain from moral debasement.

Our Primary schools are susceptible of much improvement. The old way of requiring small children to sit all day, with little to occupy the attention of their restive natures, is passing away, and a more humane system is being adopted. Educators are understanding better the child's nature, and that its mind must be actively employed, or it becomes restless, weary and noisy, and the school-room, and all about it, obnoxious. The healthy child is inquisitive, active and imitative. If activity, and a desire to do or learn "some new thing," is essential to its health and happiness, this propensity should be gratified in schools. Its nature should be consulted, and the various school exercises adapted to its physical, intellectual and moral growth. The little scholar in the alphabet should have slate and pencil, as well as his primer; and when he begins to learn to read, should also be taught to draw letters and words; and if he should have the genius to draw the picture of a man, horse, tree, or house, it is hoped his efforts will not be rewarded with the "oil of birch." Teachers should strive to interest, and give profitable direction to those active minds, rather than perniciously restrain them. How many, when called

to the stern duties of life, have wished that their imitative faculties had been cultivated, in youth, to the extent of being able to draw readily and correctly the plan of a house, to sketch a leaf, a plant or landscape? An obstacle to this needed reform is, that few of the seats in our Primary schools, are furnished with desks on which children may rest their slates. A little outlay would remedy this; and we feel sure the district would reap results amply repaying them for the small expense required. We rejoice in the belief, that the citizens who have shown so lively an interest in our schools, and during the year have given their cordial approval of the efforts made for their advancement, are willing to do cheerfully what is necessary to promote the usefulness and prosperity of them in the future.

Tabular statements of the conditions of the schools are herewith submitted.

HENRY KIMBALL,	{	Sup'g School
H. M. STONE,		Committee for
D. J. SMITH,		District No. 8.

DISTRICT No. 8.

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SCHOOLS.	WHOLE NUMBER OF PUPILS.						Av. Belonging.	Av. Attendance.	Per cent. Attendance.	Reading and Spelling.	Penmanship.	Arithmetic.	Geography.	Grammar.	U. S. History.	
	Sum. 12 weeks	Fall. 12 weeks	Win. 13 weeks	Boys.	Girls.	Year										
High School..	52	54	49	43	33	76	51 $\frac{2}{3}$	43.33	84	70	45	37	63			
Grammar School..	53	54	45	36	33	69	50 $\frac{2}{3}$	43.28	85	69	69	47	69	22		
Intermediate.	61	49	57	37	37	74	55 $\frac{2}{3}$	45.96	83	74	74	74	26			
Hall School.	53	56	53	51	21	72	54	43.89	81	72	30	45	44	29		
Main st. Primary.	60	70	45	42	87	66 $\frac{2}{3}$	57.67	86 $\frac{1}{2}$	87	24	16					
Elm-st. Primary.	66	61	68	54	43	97	65	49.33	76	97	22	22				
Wakefield-st. Pri.	42	48	44	30	27	57	44 $\frac{2}{3}$	41.17	92	57	17	17				
Total.	387	392	386	296	236	532	388 $\frac{1}{3}$	324.63	84	526	173	296	257	187	22	

In the High School, 25 scholars have attended to Book-keeping, 23 to Algebra, 11 to Geometry, 9 to Botany, 23 to Latin, 5 to Greek, and 1 to Ancient Geography. \$1500 contributed by District for support of Schools.

	TEACHERS.	WAGES.
High School,	A. N. Marston, Kate A. Baker,	\$1200 per year. 40 per month.
Grammar School,	James W. Applebee,	50 "
Intermediate,	Miss S. W. Stanton, Abbie A. Wadleigh,	40 " 40 "
Hall School,	Abbie A. Wadleigh, Fannie J. Hayes, Zelona I. Rankins,	40 " 32 " 32 "
Main-st. Primary,	Helen S. Horne,	32 "
Elm-st.	" M. Josephine Ham,	32 "
Wakefield-st.	" Amanda S. Ham,	32 "

No.	District.	No. Scholars	Average No. belonging.	Average Attendance.	Per cent. Attendance.	Scholars in Reading and Spelling.	Do. Arithmetic.	Do. Geography.	Do. Grammar.	Do. Penmanship.	Do U.S. History.	Do. Book-keeping.	Do. Algebra.	Do. in other Studies.	Wages Male Teachers.	Do. Female Teachers	Am't money raised as required by law	Am't otherwise obtain'd	Entire Am't expended for the support of Schools.	Average Am't to each Scholar.	
1	28	21.5	17.40	81.	27	27	7	12	11	3	6	2	\$40 00	\$20 00	\$ 70 74	\$ 95 30	\$166 04	\$ 5 93			
2	11	10.	8.95	89.5	11	10	5	4	10	1	2	32	00	50 21	85 30	135 51	12 32				
3	41	31.	22.00	71.	41	24	16	14	14	1	1	26	50	100 67	" "	185 97	4 54				
4	15	11.5	9.87	86.	15	12	5	6	7	3	5	37	00	24 00	64 71	" "	150 01	10 00			
5	14	10.5	8.50	81.	14	13	11	6	8		1	5		23 50	45 14	" "	130 44	9 32			
6	16	13.5	10.09	75.	16	11	6	5	9		34	00	26 00	54 56	" "	139 86	8 74				
7	100	59.7	48.47	81.	100	80	42	34	44	2	5	2	61 00	60 00	370 14	" "	455 44	4 55			
9	34	27.	23.00	85.	34	25	11	10	16	1	1	42	00	22 00	84 01	85 30	169 31	4 98			
10	23	19.3	15.87	82.	23	17	15	5	16	3	1	30	67	85 24	" "	170 54	7 41				
11	24	17.	13.00	76.5	24	14	7	6	13	3	3	37	00	32 00	82 74	" "	168 04	7 00			
12	37	29.5	24.83	84.	36	30	21	18	28		4	5	2	46 00	28 00	121 82	" "	207 12	5 60		
13	17	14.5	10.20	70.	15	10	7	8	10	4	1	25	15	49 18	" "	134 48	7 91				
14	13	12.5	11.50	92.	13	10	9	4	9	2		37	11	30 00	44 61	95 30	129 91	10 76			
15	16	13.	11.67	90.	16	13	9	5	10	1	1	24	00	81 46	85 30	166 76	10 42				
16	15	15.	13.00	87.	15	11	5	3	9	1	3	28	00	18 19	" "	103 49	6 90				
17	20	15.	12.34	82.	20	17	14	10	13	5	3	24	00	38 20	" "	123 50	6 18				
18	9	8.5	7.25	85.	9	8	8	3	7		3	24	00	48 67	" "	133 97	14 89				
19	131	96.7	66.73	69.	127	80	63	19	71	1	2	55	00	27 00	380 80	466 10	3 56				
20	15	12.5	8.00	64.	15	7	5	2	5		2	20	00	11 71	" "	97 01	6 47				

*Organized under provisions of the Somersworth Act, and having a separate report.